

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There are 10,000 camels at work in Australia.

The whistling buoy can be heard about 15 miles.

There seems to be a good deal of glass in the arms of Spain's pitchers.

German schoolboys study harder and play less than those of any other country.

Astronomers tell us that in our solar system there are at least 17,000,000 comets of all sizes.

Pious Russians do not eat pigeons, because of the sanctity conferred on the dove in the Scriptures.

A perfectly formed face is one-third forehead, one-third nose, and one-third upper and lower chin.

Ostrich taming is a very profitable industry in Africa; here it is said there are over 150,000 tame birds.

New Zealand has 22 establishments for freezing meat for European markets. They can handle 4,000,000 sheep a year.

The title of "Majesty" was first given to Louis XI. of France. Before that time, sovereigns were usually styled "Highness."

The nests of the termites, or white ants, are proportioned to the size and weight of the builders, the greatest structures in the world.

The legislative branch of the Mexican government costs \$1,000,000 in Mexican silver, annually.

The entire collection of coins and medals in the British Museum consists of nearly 250,000 specimens.

More brave men like Lieutenant Blue are needed by the punsters.

In Cervera the bottle habit has secured a most illustrious terrible example.

If Cervera's sailors ever get back to Spain the populace will, of course, turn out to meet the bottle-scarred veterans.

Spain will become a very formidable foe if she puts her Cabinet-makers to work in the navy yards.

Boston is to have a Hotel Dewey, and no doubt it will be a capital place to stop for breakfast.

The Kentucky feud continues to look upon the war as something in the amateur class.

Reports from Santiago indicate that the gun-cotton crop is a great success this season.

Hebrew guides in Rome never pass under the Arch of Titus, but walk round it. The reason is it commemorates a victory over their race.

The making of lucifer matches is a State monopoly in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Roumania and Serbia.

Coal is dearer in South Africa than in any other part of the world; it is cheapest in China.

A nutmeg tree of the largest size will produce no more than five pounds of nutmegs.

In New Zealand, two persons working together constitute a factory.

The pneumatic tube was originally introduced in London in 1858.

It is estimated that since the beginning of the historical era 13,000,000 persons have perished in earthquakes.

Mr. Castellane has imbibed so much American patriotism that he went to war with one Frenchman.

At any rate, Col. William Jennings Bryan's march to war has been followed by an army of newspapers and many regiments of readers.

The process of bottling a phantom fleet would be attended by a great deal of foam.

The man who wants to know if it is hot enough ought to be able to find out all about it without asking.

Some men have become so familiar with Hobson that they make him a hobby.

In the international harvest fields, Uncle Sam seems to be preparing to reap a big crop.

The war has had a very discouraging effect upon the carrier pigeons bearing news from Andrew's balloon.

With regard to Cervera's ships, it would appear that their misplacement has seriously interfered with their displacement.

If the colleges keep on conferring, Admiral George Dewey will get back to the United States by degrees.

With reference to Mr. Y. Cervera, it may be stated that his bottled port is in a fair way to acquire cobwebs.

The French duel is still able to guarantee its devotees absolute freedom from all danger of fatal consequences.

The war cry of yellow journalism—"Remember the main chance!"

It now appears that the machete is as great a mutilator as its pronunciation is mutilated.

The man who guessed the war would end in three weeks is now earnestly engaged in guessing again.

It may have cost Mr. Leiter a good deal of money, but he is getting himself featured in war-times type.

When its mouth is open, the frog can not breathe.

The merit of Hood's Sarsaparil is literally written in blood.

It is traced in the vital fluid of millions of the human race.

Its positive medicinal merit And curative power is written Upon the hearts, and graven upon The minds of thousands

Of people whom it has cured And given good health

When there seemed nothing before Them but darkness and despair.

It cures all diseases arising From or promoted by impure Blood by its intrinsic merit as

The One True Blood Purifier.

THE Spanish officials have issued an order to recognize no flag of truce within six miles of the coast of Cuba. Another indication that Spain doesn't know a good thing when she sees it.

Mr. P. Ketcham, of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from rheumatic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Balm was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this ointment affords. For sale by K. D. Goodall, druggist.

THE AMERICAN NAVY, CUBA AND HAWAII.

A portfolio, in ten parts, sixteen views in each part, of the finest half-tone pictures of the American navy, Cuba and Hawaii, has just been issued by a Chicago publishing house.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway has made arrangements for a special edition for the benefit of its patrons, and a specimen copy can be seen at the local ticket office. Single parts may be had at ten cents each, the full set, 160 pictures, costs but \$1.00. Subscriptions for the set may be left with the agent. In view of the present excitement regarding Cuba, these pictures are very timely. Call at the ticket office and see them.

CHAS. F. JONES, Agent.

Springer Notes.

To the Editor of the Optic.

SPRINGER, N. M., June 26th, 1898.

Like produces like and obeys a law of nature. A Government which is liberal in its treatment of and kindly disposed towards its citizens, permitting them to erect and maintain free institutions, allowing them literally to govern themselves and almost all freedom, as does ours, can but produce a high, broad minded, brave, patriotic, generous, liberty-loving and withal an ambitious people. And such are the constituents of Uncle Sam.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in his recent speech, showed that he had formed a proper estimate of the American people when he characterized us as "a brave and a generous nation." One hundred years hence, those half clothed, half fed, misgoverned and benighted people of the Philippines, Cuba and Puerto Rico will not be in their present condition, should they be so fortunate as to fall within the radius of Uncle Sam's broad, life-giving smile. No better fortune could befall them than that they came under his kindly hand. Civilization will have taken one great stride forward.

By the way, Uncle Sam is a jolly, good, old joker; in time of trial he is patient and long-suffering. But look out, don't arouse his anger! A sour thing is composed of a sweet. As Uncle Sam is sweet-tempered and jolly when in a good humor, so is he fierce and vengeful when aroused. That little gentleman with such a long tail to his name—eleven titles—had better stand from under. After this war the caricaturist will have to picture Uncle Sam as having grown considerably in avoirdupois.

Walter Booth and wife went through Friday for Elizabethtown. W. S. Condit, of the Bell Ranch, went to Santa Fe Saturday on his way to Tampa, in other words, on his way to the seat of war. H. E. Byers and A. P. Odell, of Las Vegas, have been in town this week. William French, of Silver City, extensive cattle owner, is here on business. The Floerabehn Mercantile Co.'s extensive warehouse will soon be finished. They will then have warehouses with the capacity of storing 1,500,000 pounds of merchandise. Rains are needed badly in certain parts.

SPRINGERITE.

He eats heartily in the hottest weather who uses FRICKLY AIN BITTERS. It keeps his stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. Sold by Murphy-Van Petten Drug Co.

On Chinese railways the highest paid employees are the telegraph operators—who get \$17.80 a month.

SUMMER RATES.

Colorado Summer Tourist's Rates: Las Vegas to Denver and return, \$23.15; Las Vegas to Colorado Springs and return, \$18.00; Las Vegas to Pueblo and return, \$15.70. Dates of sale June 1st to October 15th, 1898. Good returning until October 31st, 1898. 1871st. C. F. JONES, Agent.

Among contracts placed by the Government were several amounting to 250,000 Hessian bags, to be used for fortification purposes.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Mrs. C. W. Caffett, who came here a few weeks ago, for health reasons, has very much improved.

General Debility and Loss of Flesh

Scott's Emulsion has been the standard remedy for nearly a quarter of a century. Physicians readily admit that they obtain results from it that they cannot get from any other flesh-forming food.

There are many other preparations on the market that pretend to do what

SCOTT'S EMULSION

does, but they fail to perform it. The pure Norwegian Cod-liver Oil made into a delightful cream, skillfully blended with the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, which are such valuable tonics, makes this preparation an ideal one and checks the wasting tendency, and the patient almost immediately commences to put on flesh and gain a strength which surprises them.



Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion. See that the men and fish are on the wrapper.

50c. and \$1.00. All druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

Elizabethtown Notes.

P. H. Peterson, discoverer of the famous Black Copper mine, is now in Las Vegas. Mr. Peterson is pushing the development work on the Green Leaf mine, some three miles from Elizabethtown, in which he and Las Vegas parties are interested.

R. Kline, a practical mill man and chemist has taken charge of the Hematite mill and the retorts and general details of the mill will soon be in first-class shape. Mr. Kline expects to make the first retort of the Shurman ore about the 10th of July. Ore is being handled from the Ironbird and Challenge mines and the Black Copper will also begin the handling of ore as soon as the mill is in perfect working order.

The dredge owned by the Moreno Mining company, which has heretofore been an experiment and is working the placer gravel at the head of the creek about a mile below Elizabethtown, has finally gotten to do good work, it having cleaned up \$700 in gold in the past twenty days.

P. H. Peterson assisted by J. H. Preston, representing the Maxwell Land Grant Co., sent an excellent collection of mineral amounting to about two tons in weight to the Omaha exposition from the Elizabethtown district.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting, incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.

No-To-Use for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c., \$1. All druggists.